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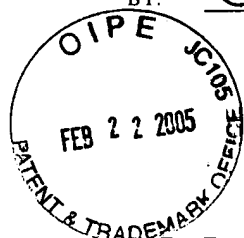
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AMENDMENT

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Examiner's Office Action, dated September 17, 2004, in the above-identified application. A two-month Petition for Extension of Time is being filed herewith. Kindly amend the above-identified patent application, without prejudice, as follows:

Amendments to and Listing of the Claims are on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

Conclusion is on page 9 of this paper.